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SUBJECT: KIDNAPPED AMERICANS: MAY 29 PRESS RELEASE BY THE
TANZANIA EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

THE FOLLOWING PRESS RELEASE HAS JUST COME TO OUR ATTENTION:
QTE PRESS RELEASE ISSUED BY THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED
REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA ON THE ABDUCTED U.S. STUDENTS.

TANZANIA GOVERNMENT HAS REFUSED EVEN TO ACT AS INTERMED-
IARY FOR CONTACT WITH THE SO CALLED REVOLUTIONARY PARTY OF
THE CONGO WHICH IS AN ANTI-MOBUTU JUNGLE GROUP IN ZAIRE
BECAUSE THE GROUP HAS IN FACT DECLARED WAR ON TANZANIA
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IRRESPECTIVE OF THE SAFETY OR RELEASE OF THE REMAINING
THREE STUDENTS - TWO AMERICAN AND ONE DUTCH.

THIS IS CONTAINED IN THE SECOND OFFICIAL STATEMENT ISSUED

BY THE TANZANIA GOVERNMENT THIS MORNING (MAY 29) IN DAR ES SALAAM TO FURTHER ELABORATE THE GOVERNMENT STAND ON THE THREE FOREIGN STUDENTS ABDUCTED TO ZAIRE BY AN ARMED GANG 10 DAYS AGO.

THE STATEMENT POINTS OUT THAT BY DEMANDING A RANSOM FOR THE ABDUCTED STUDENTS THE GANGSTERS' INTENTION WAS TO PUNISH TANZANIA FOR MAINTAINING GOOD RELATIONS WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF ZAIRE TO WHICH THE GANGSTERS ARE OPPOSED. THIS IS IN CONTRADICTION TO A FUNDAMENTAL TENET OF TANZANIA'S FOREIGN POLICY WHICH MAINTAINS THAT "WE SHALL NOT ALLOW ANY STATE TO CHOOSE FRIENDS OR ENEMIES FOR US.

ON THE QUESTION OF SOME MEMBERS OF THE GANG BEING IN TANZANIA IT IS THE POLICY OF THE TANZANIA GOVERNMENT TO RECEIVE REFUGEES AND WILL CONTINUE RECEIVING LARGE NUMBERS OF REFUGEES FROM TIME TO TIME. TANZANIA WILL NOT ENTERTAIN ANY BLACKMAIL BE IT FROM THE COUNTRIES FROM WHICH THE REFUGEES COME FROM, THE REFUGEES THEMSELVES OR FROM THEIR ORGANIZATIONS.

MEANWHILE THE U.S. AMBASSADOR TO TANZANIA H.E. BEVERLY CARTER, JR. SAID YESTERDAY THAT THE U.S. EMBASSY IN KINSHASA WAS MAKING CONTACTS WITH THE ZAIREAN GOVERNMENT TO SEEK THE RELEASE OF THE KIDNAPPED STUDENTS. AMBASSADOR CARTER CURIOUSLY REMARKED HIS SATISFACTION WITH THE COOPERATION EXTENDED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF TANZANIA AND SAID THE U.S. NEITHER ACCEPTS NOR RECOMMENDS THE PAYMENT OF RANSOM. MAY 29, 1975. UNQTE. KISSINGER

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